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Alumni Honor Two M.B.A. Legends

by Jim Bowen, Staff Writer

On December 17, 1992, the Montgomery Bell Academy - Wallace Alumni Association held its annual awards banquet. In an event chaired by Alumni Association President J. Greer Cummings and Vice-President P. Rhoads Zimmerman, over 300 alums gathered at Vanderbilt Plaza?

The two main highlights of the evening were the presentation of the Distinguished Alumni Awards and the honoring of Mrs. Mary Helen Lowry and Mrs. Virginia Hollins for continued hard work, loyalty, and dedi-

cation to Montgomery Bell Academy and the school com-

munus awards can be given to graduates of M.B.A. who

have distinguished themselves and the image of the school in the community outside M.B.A., but 1992 marked the first year that two awards were given.

The Montgomery Bell Academy Alumni Award went to The Hon. Frank F. Drowota, III, a well-respected judge known

Alumni Award was presented to Grantland Rice, the famous

cluding the famous poem in which he writes that "It's not whether you win or lose, but how you play the game." Both men have represented M.B.A. well, and both were extremely well-deserving of these awards.

The alumni banquet will be remembered, however, for its salute to two of M.B.A.'s most loved teachers, Mrs. Hollins and Mrs. Lowry. Together, they have provided M.B.A. with eighty-five years of undying service, touching the lives of almost all who have



picture by Nathan Lujan

Bill Wade '48, D.Y. Proctor '34, and Tom Proctor '45 share in congratulating Mrs. Lowry at the Alumni Banquet.



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Dr. Ed Gaffney, Susan Hollins Hendrickson, and Virginia Hollins celebrate Mrs. Hollins' 34th year of teaching at M.B.A.

munity.

Each year up to two

throughout the Nashville community, while the Wallace

New York sportswriter known especially for his prose, in-

spent time on the hill. Please see **ALUMNI**, page 3

Reflections: Then and Now

by Mrs. Mary Helen Lowry

Editor's Note: The following is an excerpt from Mrs. Lowry's remarks to the alumni at the December Alumni Banquet

Greetings! Members of the Montgomery Bell Academy - Wallace University School Alumni Association, Friends, and Guests...

My invitation to M.B.A. came on my first day, when I stood before twenty-four seniors, most of whom were hefty football players, and announced: "Boys, the first order of business will be that you will seat yourselves in alphabetical order." Not a muscle moved! Later, I told Mr. Howard Allen, coach and pro-tem headmaster, that I had made a mistake in thinking I could teach at M.B.A. Seeing my anguish, he looked me straight in the eyes, saying, "Fear ye not! The class will comply." The next morning, Mr. Allen entered my classroom to make a proclamation: "Any boy who does not move

when so directed, will move down the hill and keep moving and never move back." That's how I became the quarterback of my class...

In 1944, Dr. Richard Lee Sager became headmaster. Behind his back, he was called "Cremo" because that was the kind of cigar he smoked. One of his customs was to stand across from the stairway in the Ball Building during the exchange of classes so as to be highly visible, or as he would say, "To keep the eye on the boys." [It] was at this time that the great traditions of the Honor System and the Honor Society known as Totomoi were instituted. All in all, Dr. Sager was a noted disciplinarian and man of integrity.

In 1957, Mr. Francis E. (Nick) Carter became headmaster... An important scene on icy days was that of Mr. Carter and Lushion, his valuable right-hand man, treating the driveway with sand and salt as early as 7 a.m. Thus

began the tradition of "M.B.A. never closes on snow days, unless..." Mr. Carter's philosophy was that, to the best of his ability, each student was to be an athlete, a scholar and a gentleman...

During these years, the old gym had been renovated and named Wallace Hall, in honor of the former head of the Wallace University School, and the Wallace alumni were incorporated as members of the MBA-Wallace Alumni Association, a combination highly beneficial to both groups. Concerning scholarship, Nick Carter introduced the famous Word Wealth classes into the English program, and shortly MBA became famous with the extraordinarily high numbers of merit scholars, both semifinalists and finalists. Along with Mr. Carter, it was June Bowen who accelerated the motivation for academic achievement. According to an

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Waiting for Godot

Patrick Wilson Library
Montgomery Bell Academy
Nashville, Tennessee

by Lee Martin, Arts Reporter

The M.B.A. Theatre, in association with Civil War Chess Set presented Samuel Beckett's best-known work, *Waiting for Godot*, this past weekend. This 20th century avant-garde classic was performed by Paul Thompson, Bill Siesser, Will O'Hare, Andrew Vahrenkamp, and Michael Martin, and was directed by Mr. Bart Whiteman. *Waiting for Godot* caused a sensation when it was first performed in Paris, as it combined Vaudeville-style comic turns with a tragic dilemma. It is now a superb work of modern fiction and has become a part of theatre history.

It would also appear that it was part of M.B.A. theatre history. It was the first full play to be performed at the Davis Building Theatre with lights, set, and most of the theatre's potential in use. After talking to some of the crew and others who worked

on the play, I found that they were fairly excited to be able to work in such a production.

The actual performances went well, with only a few nominal problems. Thursday night Paul learned only to go out on stage when given his cues, but I won't go into that. The lights and sound went well with the production and the mood of the play. Thanks to

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OPINIONS

The Importance of Respecting the Views of Others

Despite all of the many outstanding accomplishments of M.B.A. students this year, there has been one negative aspect on campus throughout the year: the lack of tolerance for the race, appearance, religion, or opinions of others. In a healthy academic envi-

ronment, each individual has a responsibility to accept the views and the appearance of others, whether or not he or she agrees with them. By condemning another individual for his views or appearance, one loses an opportunity to learn and grow as an individual.

A diversified student body should not be separated by factions which resent each other. Instead, it should be united by the variety of interests and ideas, with each indi-

vidual making his own contribution to the good of the whole student body, whether it be in the classroom, on the athletic field, or in a number of extra-

By condemning... one loses the opportunity to learn and grow

curricular activities. As students at M.B.A., we should welcome as diverse a student body as possible, accepting the challenge of learning more about others as well as ourselves. Each person no matter what his character, has something to contribute to this academic community.

In *The Bell Ringer*, we have attempted to present several different angles on important issues with the hope that the reader can come to his own conclusion and his own view on the

subject. The idea is that most complicated subjects do not have a simple black-and-white answer, but instead a range of answers that the reader may decide for himself. In the political arena, for instance, individuals may be labeled as Democrats or Republicans, but honestly, how many people agree with all of the policies of either party? Such extremism is not healthy when it causes an individual to alienate another on the basis of opposing views.

In *The Bell Ringer*, we will continue to allow views to be expressed freely with the hope that through the views and suggestions of the student body, we can improve the school. If you have a problem

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Each individual... has something to contribute

Letter From the Editor



Will Berry

Editor-in-Chief

Picture by John Crosslin

The fifth edition of the paper is here, and with the new semester comes a slight change in content. After covering political issues for much of the first semester, we plan to move to newer fresher

topics, in an attempt to focus more on subjects which we feel need improvement. This newspaper will continue to be an open forum for student expression and we invite Please see **EDITOR**, page 3

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Letter to the Editor - Men Who Care

Dear *Bell Ringer*,

At this point, many of you have not realized that we, Greg and Chris, were born peace-loving feminists. But with the many changes in this school and in this society, we feel the urge to let loose our inner-most feelings.

First, in response to Frazer Buntin's Tennessee Outdoorsman article, we feel the need to assert our disdain for hunting. He explained that some of our fellow students joyfully murdered helpless ducks and geese on Old Hickory Lake. What has a duck ever done to you? Why would you want to slaughter ruthlessly a harmless duck? Did they attack you? Was your life in danger?

In case you didn't realize it, ducks have feelings too. How would you like it if a duck came and shot one of

your family members? They could do it you know. They have reason just like you and me (they just don't feel like showing off their reason like we do and we commend them). How would you like it if someone killed your mother? Think about it.

The next topic that we would like to discuss concerns sexism in our society. We recently saw the movie *Aladdin* and were outraged at the blatant show of sexism in the movie. It seems that in every movie, all women are portrayed wearing feminine colors such as pink.

We encourage every one of you to boycott Walt Disney because of their intent to discriminate against the women of this society. Emily Compton was right on track in her article in *Logos II* and was the first to have enough courage

to expose this most serious scandal. Go Emily! We at M.B.A. are all behind you 103%.

Secondly, on behalf of the M.B.A. students, we would like to apologize to the community for the recently published flyer and its blatant portrayal of women as being "neat" painters. When we read this, we were outraged at the audacity of Michael Haslam and his obvious intent to beguile women. We are sure that there are a lot of sloppy women painters out there and we are truly sorry.

Lastly, a few days ago, while we were skipping through Bellevue Mall shopping for new sewing patterns, to our horror we happened upon the clothing store U.S. Male. The ignorant, sexist pigs could not even cover up their blatant attempt to belittle

the women of this nation. This store is obviously trying to promote male dominance, capitalism, and the merchandising of women in society. In our rage, we wrote a letter to communicate our problem to the company and upon our dropping it off, we gazed upon the mailbox and read - U.S. Mail. We then knew that this conspiracy was much bigger than just the local mall and Walt Disney; the Federal Government was also involved. We will discuss this topic further at the next meeting of *Men Who Care*, which is held at the Cotton Patch every Friday and Saturday night at 8:00. Thank you for taking the time

to read this article and remember - love animals, don't eat them!

Writer's Note: For those of you who were wondering, we spelled women with an "i" because we feel that it is sexist to have the word "men" in the word "women." The first alternative spelling was "womyn," but upon realizing that "y" was the symbol for the male chromosome, the official spelling of "women" has been changed to "womin."

Sincerely,
Greg Holyfield and
Chris Trabue
concerned feminists

Editor's Note:

The opinions and ideas expressed in this newspaper are not necessarily those of The Bell Ringer or Montgomery Bell Academy.

NEWS

Juniors Finalize Prom Preparations

by Robert West, Junior Class President

It is the responsibility of every junior class to organize and construct a formal spring dinner, presentation, and dance in honor of the senior class. This tradition congratulates the seniors for their leadership and service to Montgomery Bell Academy while furthering class unity and sense of responsibility of the junior class in their transition to the seat of power that being a senior represents.

This year's junior class began its preparation as the fall term began. Having no money, its first priority was to raise the funds necessary to complete the prom. After a Halloween Duds day, selling concessions at every possible athletic competition, and even one failed attempt to sell doughnuts before school, the class has secured nearly five thousand dollars (give or take a thousand).

The next item of business was booking a band for prom. This long and difficult process required haggling with different agents about an

April 24 date, which so happens to be the most important fraternity weekend in the spring. Although Drivin' n' Cryin, the Connells, Widespread Panic, The Spindoctors, and The HoorooGuroos would not return our calls and their agents promised us that they have already been booked through 1995, the class has signed a mystery band to be announced for the April 24 date.

The next agenda the class will face in the coming week is choosing and organizing the construction of the "set." The class has submitted throughout the year themes or sets with titles like "Tractor-Pull Prom," "Ancient Roman Gladiators," and "Flinstones." Today the "set" designs have been narrowed to "April in Paris," "The Berlin Wall," "Stonehenge," and "Beauty and the Beast." The class of 1994 has worked hard, and on April 24, the gymnasium will play host to a memorable night for all attending.

Debate Team Dominates District

by Bobby Hartman, Staff Writer

The 1992-93 Debate team recently participated in the district tournament at B.G.A. in Franklin. The team of Suresh Gunasekaran and Bobby Hartman captured first place in the district, while the opponent Praveen Kambam and Bill Wilson finished second. This qualifies both teams in the varsity policy division for the nationals to be held

in early June at Indianapolis.

In the Lincoln-Douglas division, Jim Miller dominated his competition and will also travel to the national tournament. In the policy division, Sachin Vaikunth and Tim Wesley, as well as Eric Womack and Clay Risen were eliminated only after hitting another M.B.A. team. Mark Roden and Jonathan Glickstein also

had a good showing in the Lincoln-Douglas division.

With the victories in policy and LD, M.B.A. will have five of the six Tennessee representatives in the nationals. This outstanding achievement is a credit to coaches Mr. Tate and Mr. DeYoung and the debaters who worked so hard to achieve this recognition.

Respect...

with a certain aspect of student life at M.B.A. and would like to voice your opinion, see one of the editors of *The Bell Ringer* or contact one of your Student Council representatives. The next time you feel like condemning another person for his views, keep your prejudices to yourself, and listen to what he or she has to say. Who knows? You might learn something.

Editor...

anyone who wishes to write, sell ads, or type articles to

Godot...

Hayes Fowler, Geoffrey Leek, Bartley McGehee, and Alan Sundell; the technical side of the play was executed without flaw.

The audience's reaction to the play was positive as well. Some even realized that the correct pronunciation of "Godot" was not Gød-ot but Go-dò. But the big question on everyone's mind still remains unanswered, "what were those big orange circles around the tree?"

Alumni...

Each will be retiring at the end of the school year, and the Alumni Association recognized both deserving women with this banquet. Overall, thanks to the help of all involved, the M.B.A. - Wallace Alumni Association banquet of 1992 was a great success, while honoring those who have contributed the most to M.B.A. - the author would like to thank Mr. Greer Cummings for his help with this article

how to improve this paper.

Sincerely,

Will Berry, Editor-in-Chief

Mrs. Lowry's Reflections...

article by Carter Andrews, she could have motivated an entire assembly plant like Saturn if given the task... To be sure, June Bowen got her students' attention, their respect, and their love.

After Mr. Carter's death, Dr. Michael Drake served for a year as headmaster, holding together the components of the school by what I think is his greatest asset: his fine personality. Mike

was a friend to all: open, fair, considerate, and unselfish. A scholar and gentleman, with an interest in athletics, he exemplifies Nick Carter's philosophy for each student.

Mr. Gordon Bondurant came to M.B.A. in 1979. His particular skill was public relations, and more often than not, he was working behind the scenes with calls

and letters in behalf of the school. He, too, was a fine motivator, generous with praise whenever deserved. Like Mr. Carter, he was a believer in strengthening the endowment fund and worked vigorously with Dewitt Thompson IV on a major, and highly successful campaign. During his administration, the Jack C. Massey Building was constructed to house the junior school, and a pilot computer program was initiated.

Concerning scholarship, Mr. Bondurant was instrumental in establishing a Cum-Laude Society Chapter at M.B.A., another means of recognizing academic excellence.

Another person who has played a vital M.B.A. role in recent years is an alumnus, Laird Smith. He loves the school and does not count the

hours that he puts in. Whether he is hauling chairs for commencement or nailing down pencil sharpeners in Wallace Hall, Laird is an important fixture on the campus.

When Dr. Douglas Paschall came, we were in for more signs of excitement and creativity. I remember his saying that for a year or so he would be an observer and then determine how to achieve his vision of a great school. Truly, he has converted his dream into a reality. The enrichment of the curriculum with a full-fledged fine arts program containing various aspects of music, art, and the theater is only one of his contributions. To implement this program, Dr. Paschall, Ridley Wills, Barry Banker, and many others have been engaged in creating a true mecca, a place containing the resources for the accomplishments of a variety of desirable goals... The number of structures [on campus] has increased from three to nine during my tenure. And

all of these stand so proudly around the John Sloan Sr. Quadrangle, itself a thing of beauty and joy forever, as Keats would say.

A part of my philosophy of life is that I suggest to my students is indicated in a rhetorical question, to wit: "Do you feel that Mother Nature intends for you to creep through life in low gear?" This marks my 50th year at MBA, and Mrs. Hollins' 34th year. We can say that each of us has found her niche, a place where the rewards are manifold. As we remember the scenes, the events, and especially the people, we wish that we could have fifty more years of the work, the laughter, the friendships, and the love that we have experienced.

Editor's Note: Mrs. Lowry's remarks will be reprinted in their entirety in the Winter edition of the Alumni Magazine. These remarks are only a sampling of the informal account of her years at M.B.A. that Mrs. Lowry plans to write

in her retirement. Any current or former students are invited, indeed encouraged, to participate in this descriptive narrative by sharing anecdotes, incidents, and scenes, humorous or otherwise, from your own M.B.A. experience. Please share your stories, thoughts, and memories by sending them to:

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We can say that each of us (Mrs. Hollins and Mrs. Lowry) has found her niche, a place where the rewards are manifold

A part of my philosophy of life is... "Do you feel that Mother Nature intends for you to creep through life in low gear?"

FEATURES

News Most Papers Would Be Ashamed to Print

Compiled by Grandmaster Z and Your Friendly Neighborhood Spiderman

Editor's Note: The following is a compilation of partially true events which may or may not have occurred recently in the community - it is not meant to be taken too seriously.

- This month's Meticulous Award goes to Mr. Demong, who, despite pressing time constraints, took the effort to count every word in each teacher comment last quarter. Congratulations.
- Could the recent drilling next to the Ball Building have caused a magnetic shift which reversed the orientation of every book in the library? Mrs. Simmons is silent on the subject.
- Ford Simpkins is still pondering the miracle of Groundhog Day and plans to assassinate the varmint next February (if he can even hit it). Stay tuned.
- Could the recurring injuries to members of the faculty be related to student relations with Martians hiding in the attic of the Ball Building?

More importantly, do these Martians pay 65¢ for a candy bar?

- In upholding previous tradition, this year's Senior class is still in debt.
- Rumor has it that Drama teacher and movie star Bart Whiteman will have a leading role in the sequel to Madonna's thriller, *Body of Evidence*.
- After his brilliant detective work in the Ryan cannon case, Mr. Smith is rumored to be considering a second career as a private investigator.
- In international news, Latin is still a dead language.
- In fashion news, according to expert Flagg Youngblood, *Paris*™ perfume has a "fresh, fruity fragrance."
- Rumor has it that the Weenie Bowl will be held as part of Project Graduation...
- Separated at birth?: Andy Russ and Al Bundy?
- Greg Holyfield and Jason Priestly?
- John Crosslin and Art Garfunkel?
- Dan Herring and Joey

Buttafuoco? Chris Trabue and the Tasmanian Devil?

- The latest from the grapevine: Elvis is really dead, Michael Jackson is Latoya in disguise, and Disco is alive and well in the Carter Building.
- Hey, anyone with suggestions on how the Senior class can pay its outrageous prom debt, please tell somebody TODAY. Please! Hurry! Help!
- The phenomenon known as the Phantom Guuaagh has spread worldwide. It is reported that in the wee morning hours at the Greyhound Bus station, the Phantom made its presence known to some very tired yearbook editors.
- Crazy Old Man newsflash: Attacks on M.B.A. cars past the house on Brighton have increased. Casualties are mounting. Students are advised to take cautionary measures long this route.
- Concerning scholarships, Please see NEWS, page 6

Dr. Dickey's Dating Dilemmas



Dr. R.A. Dickey
Dating
Psychologist

Dear Dr. Dickey,

I'm an M.B.A. student who tries desperately to gain the affection of anything feminine. I have had modest success, give or take the Deecent looking ones, and I am told that my rejections have to do with my physical stature, or lack thereof. Please help me, Dr. Dickey, you're my only hope.

Desperate for Affection

Dear Desperate for Affection,

It seems your first problem is your lack of self-confidence. Remember that you are an M.B.A. student and supposedly the finest Nashville has to offer. Set your goals higher and do not be afraid of rejection. Your second problem is your physical inadequacy. Although it may not be your fault for having such a gelastic body, it is your job to improve it. I cannot legally prescribe drugs or medicine, however, I can suggest a healthy diet and a rigorous workout plan. Good luck and God bless.

Dear Dr. Dickey,

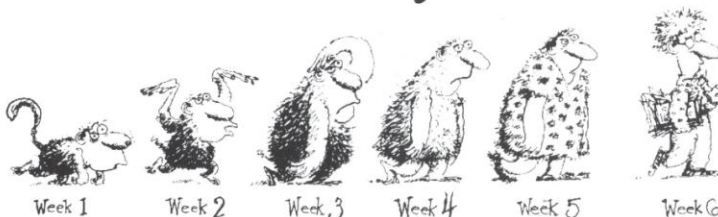
The day after Valentine's Day, I found out my girlfriend was cheating on me. The problem is, I gave her an expensive necklace for a present. I still love her, but I can't continue this relationship if she is unfaithful. I want to end it, but I also don't want my hard earned money to go to waste. What should I do?

Used and Abused

Dear Used and Abused,

Challenge me, this is far too easy! There is really only one real answer: confront her with her impure doings, and demand the necklace back. Although you say you still love her, I find it impossible for you to still care about such an adulteress. You will be better for it in the long run, and more importantly, you can have the necklace for future use.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Country Corner

picture by John Crosslin



Greg Holyfield

Staff Writer

The King is coming, that's right, Dwight Yoakam is in concert March 2nd at the Grand Ole Opry House. He is performing with Little Texas at the Nashville 95 Listener Appreciation concert. This will be Yoakam's first major concert in Nashville in 5 years, and his world tour, starting in May, will be his first in 3 years. I urge all of you out there to listen to 95 to find out where you can get tickets. Hope to see you at the show!

On Saturday, Febru-

ary 20, Andy Anderton, Lanier Bond, Carmen Rich, and I traveled to the historic Grande Ole Opry to see none other than Garth Brooks. He was performing at the Opry along with Merle Haggard, Darryl and Don Ellis, Stonewall Jackson and the rest of the regular Grand Ole Opry performers. Upon entering the gate to go backstage, we found our names weren't on the guest list like they were supposed to be. We therefore, at a nearby Shoney's, devised a brilliant plan to sneak into the Opry.

Carmen knew her way around the Opry because her mother works there, so with face paint on, grappling hooks ready, and our

rappelling skills at full force, we again slowly and stealthily drove to the front gate. When the guard walked out to stop the car, Andy, before the guard knew what hit him, took the guard out with his well-honed kung fu fighting skills. After dragging the guard back behind the office, we tied him up and gagged him.

Then Lanier gave him a tranquilizer shot just to make sure he would not get us caught. By the darkness of the night, we sneaked into the final barrier, the guard dogs. Because Andy had no formal training fighting guard dogs, it was up to Carmen to take the

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by Samuel Smaldone, Metalhead

A woman and her daughter are in a car crash. The woman is killed instantly. The daughter is taken to the hospital. When she gets there the doctor takes one look at her and says, "I can't operate on that child. She's my daughter!" How can this be???

This common brain-teaser stumps many people because of their assumptions about the roles of men in this society. NOW, it's time for... MEGADETH!

On the night of January 15, 1993, MEGADETH dominated Music City USA while visions of MEGADETH danced in people's heads. Andy Anderton and I were lucky enough to have received two front-row seats at Municipal Auditorium. The week before the concert, Fetus and I, knowing the show was a question of life or death, spent countless hours mentally preparing ourselves. Our goal for the night was simple: to stay alive. The chances of death were, oh, I'll be realistic, about 85%. But MEGADETH is good, and the show had to go on.

The show opened

with the theme song of *Star Wars*. Use the force, Luke. Then, the great Dave Mustaine, lead singer of MEGADETH, let his presence on the stage be known. Needless to say the crowd went nuts. Handshakes were exchanged and vows of true friendship were spoken. Dave and Co. belted out "Holy Wars" as their opening song.

Electrified by the music, Fetus courageously charged the stage. As he came face to face with Dave, he fainted; for Dave had the breath of a thousand dogs. MEGADETH, however, kept playing with Fetus on the stage. Upon recovering, Feed returned to his seat.

From then on it was just nonstop, combustible heavy metal!! YAAAAAA! MEGADETH! "Countdown to Extinction", "Symphony of Destruction", "Peace Sells...But Who's Buying?", and "Psychotron" were few among the many tunes emitted from the musical weapons of the band called...MEGADETH. All in all, the concert was brilliant, and Fetus and I escaped un-

scathed.

Many students on the M.B.A. campus now realize the brilliance of MEGADETH. Jason Barton, a new convert, noted, "They got some killer thrash! Shake you off!" John Crosslin said, "Psychotron will rip your ears off." Kyle Hatcher ordered, "Get galvanized by the grunges of MEGADETH!" Now, don't tell anyone, but rumor has it that MEGADETH will be playing at M.B.A.'s prom this year! So be ready!!! Good-bye, and remember:

MEGADETH!!!!!!!

By the way, the Doctor was the girl's FATHER! HA,HA,HA!

Go Big Red!

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At the Movies: Loaded Weapon I

by Beau Tidwell, Staff Writer

It takes a really talented group of people and a lot of luck to successfully pull off a parody film. They had a great cast, so apparently the boys at National Lampoon's ran out of luck.

The sad attempt to insult an entire genre, spanning from *Wayne's World* to *Basic Instinct*, didn't succeed by a long shot. The only people insulted were the ticket buyers. The endless series of gags and jokes based on other movies was lost on viewers who missed the film being mocked. At some point, a movie has to stand on its own comedy rather than mimicking other movies.

Loaded Weapon never does. Instead, it attempts to use the support of a very impressive all-star cast (including Whoopie Goldberg, Richard Mulligan, William Shatner, Phil Hartman, Charlie Sheen, and even Dennis Leary) to produce comedy. I realize it is a parody movie, and is not meant to have a serious plot or message, but it's not even a good parody. O.K., some parts were hilarious, but nothing I hadn't already seen twice on the commercials! This attempt to remake *The Naked Gun* didn't work.

Emilio Estavez has some funny moments, as do some of his co-stars. However, between the bad jokes

and *Wayne's World* references, there are long pauses in the comedy during which the viewer wonders what he paid for. I think it is definitely time to go home when you get so bored that you start reading the back of the popcorn box for entertainment. The only good thing I can find to say about this movie is that it does not need a new cast, it needs a new script (and title, and set, and producer, and...well, you get the idea). So stay home and watch the commercial, laugh, and be glad you did not waste your money on the rest of the film.

Bill Murray made his return to the big screen recently with a new comedy film, *Groundhog Day*. I have not had a chance to see it yet, but the trailers looked hilarious. I am looking forward to Bill's comeback and I hope everyone will get a chance to go see what looks to be really funny film. Also look for *Untamed Hearts* to be a good movie coming soon. Lastly, look for *The Vanishing* in theatres and check it out. It is a great psycho-thriller for those of you who are into kidnapping and terror. At this point, I would say have fun at the movies, but if you are going to see *Loaded Weapon*, I can't help you.

Everett Holzapfel

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ENTERTAINMENT

Solomon Grundy:



The Farmhouse Stratagem

Review by Sean Strauss, Staff Writer

Okay, call me impressed. Even I, Father Ryan high school band worshipper, have to admit that M.B.A.'s own Solomon Grundy racked up points with its recent debut release of *Farmhouse Stratagem*. Titled after an old episode of *The Rockford Files*, *Stratagem* offers something for most everyone, regardless of musical preference.

The album opens with an Enya-like keyboard intro, but it soon breaks into the upbeat, quick lyric "Last Night." Featuring a reading of the closing soliloquy of Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, "Last Night" is uplifting and musically creative.

After a toned-down and mediocre "Masquerade," the band drifts into one of the best cuts on the album, "Tomorrow," opens with the echoing guitar lead of Michael Ligon, which is preceded by the voice of Todd Counter, both of whom are M.B.A. seniors. As the band cuts into the intensified chorus of "Tomorrow," the strength of the background vocals comes through in full force.

Country fans are sure to appreciate the closing track of the first side, "Abbreviated World." The acoustic solo and vocally harmonic closing are not typical of Grundy, but it shows a desire to please all. The second side fades into the most aggressive song of the album, "20,000."

The impressive side to "20,000" is the combination of seemingly over-tracked percussion of drums and congos.

After "20,000," however, Grundy flows into the new laid-back "April Falling." The closing tracks of *Stratagem* continue to increase in quality as Grundy follows with "I Can't Say How." The brilliant changes of both lead and rhythm acoustic guitar of "Say How" is one of the strongest points of the album. The only problems with the song, written by Chris Trabue, is that the chorus tends to lack the usual excellence of the average Grundy tune.

Farmhouse Stratagem concludes with the mesmerizing "Away with Me." Many people who hear "Away with Me" refuse to believe that the creators of this song are still high school students. This outstanding song was even aired on Vandy's radio station (91.1).

To purchase *Farmhouse Stratagem*, contact Todd Counter or Michael Ligon. The album costs only five dollars, and is well worth your money.

Editor's Note: Solomon Grundy will be playing live with Wild Turkey, another M.B.A. band, in the Auditorium on Saturday, March 6. Don't miss this opportunity to support M.B.A.'s two outstanding bands!

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The Tennessee Outdoorsman

by Frazer Buntin and Jim Dismukes, Outdoorsmen

Welcome back fellow outdoorsmen! The weather has now begun to grow warm and the early fishing season is in its prime.

Most fishermen think that you have to go to Florida to catch big bass, but these bass can be found here in Tennessee if the correct techniques are used. Many of the local lakes have excellent bass fisheries.

• Old Hickory Lake - Millfoil is plentiful in this lake and that is where the lurkers lurk. In this grass we

have a saying: "for every stump there is a fish." A Carolina rigged plastic worm will produce most effectively.

• Percy Priest Lake - Dropoffs and rock ledges are the key for big bass on this lake. We recommend deep diving crankbaits and slow moving grubs for these areas. A Hummingbird LCR depth-finder is a must for this type of fishing.

• Dale Hollow - This is a clearwater lake that lacks deepwater structure. World record smallmouth hit

hard on jig n' minnow and jig n' pig. Most folks don't know that the world record smallmouth was taken from this lake.

• Fishing is a great opportunity to escape the hustle and bustle of the big city. Here's a little saying that we have for early season fishing: "Winds from the East, fish bite least. Winds from the West, fish bite best. Winds from the South, baits in the fish's mouth. Winds from the North, GO HOME!" See ya' in the field.

Country...

dogs out. Much like Crocodile Dundee did in his movie, Carmen raised two fingers on her right hand and then proceeded to give those dogs her infamous look of death. The dogs tried to resist but it was to no avail.

We walked right in and saw the likes of Grandpa Jones, Jim Ed Brown, and Johnny Russell. After talking

to some people Carmen knew, we decided to go talk to Garth. Before I had a chance to speak, Garth said "Hi Greg how are ya doin'?" I saw *Pippin* and loved it. I also saw Wild Turkey perform, and let me say I think y'all are great."

I guess he remembered me from the auto-graphed picture he sent me 2 years ago. He then invited us to go eat dinner with him at El

Palenque and let us go fly with him on his Lear Jet. It was really fun and it was a night most of us will never forget.

Thanks again for the tremendous fan support for this column and keep the letters pouring in!

P.S. Listen for a song called "If I Had a Cheatin' Heart" by a new singer named Ricky Lynn Gregg. Thanks a lot!

News...

Andy Russ has committed to kick for Mississippi State, while Andy Anderton was offered a scholarship to play tailback for Phil Fulmer and the Vols. Anderton, however, turned down the scholarship to pursue a professional weightlifting career.

• Is it just me, or do those pigeons besieging the Ball Building remind anyone of Alfred Hitchcock's

The Birds?

• Is anyone still reading this? • In political news, apparently, Bill Clinton's administration has already attracted criticism. The opposition is gearing up for '96, and it looks like Joey Buttafuoco is the candidate of choice. Sources claim Ford Simpkins as a possible running mate; however, other members of the party are leaning toward Theodore Malisch of Missouri.

• In entertainment news, absolutely nothing interesting is happening. Don't blame me. • And last, but hardly least, the yearbook staff is going to dedicate the 1993 Bell to...

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From the Annals of W-5:

Love may enter quickly, cloaked in the name of friendship. - Ovid

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SPORTS

Sports Trivia

by Brendan Hughes and Doug Pierce

1. What baseball player is the only major league pitcher to toss a title-clinching no hitter?
a. Christy Mathewson b. Sandy Koufax
c. Mike Scott d. Tommy John
2. What is the most popular sport at Cyprus Point and Spyglass Hill?
a. Boxing b. Golf
c. Cycling d. Triathlons
3. What color jerseys were worn by the Brazil soccer team?
a. Mauve b. Green
c. Blue d. Yellow
4. What sport did Pat Day specialize in?
a. Horse Racing b. Bowling
c. Marbles d. Billiards
5. What is recognized as the national game of Ireland?
a. Curling b. Wurling
c. Hurling d. Soccer
6. What was the first major league baseball team to field nine black players at once?
a. Orioles b. Athletics
c. Cardinals d. Pirates
7. In 1986, Bo Jackson was drafted in three pro sports. Which is the exception?
a. Football b. Hockey
c. Baseball d. Basketball
8. What one time Alabama and NFL quarterback once roomed with a playmate "wonderfully wicked Wanda"?
a. Mike Shula b. Ken Stabler
c. Joe Namath d. Bart Starr
9. What star NFL outside linebacker once said, "A sack is like a touchdown for the defense, only smaller"?
a. Derrick Thomas b. Lawrence Taylor
c. Tim Harris d. Ted Hendricks
10. What Canadian province was recently deceased wrestler Andre the Giant born in?
a. Saskatchewan b. Nova Scotia
c. British Columbia d. Quebec

Editor's Note: A box will be put in the trophy room for those wishing to test their knowledge of sports trivia. Anyone who gets all ten correct will receive a prize to be named later from Doug and Brendan.



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LIFESTYLE PORTRAITURE

(Formerly Skipworth) Salutes

Bartley McGehee

Bartley is a member of Cum Laude, Totomoi, a National Merit Semifinalist, Copy Editor of *The Bell*, and Vice-President of the Student Council

Freshman Basketball Update

by Adam Michael, Reporter

The Freshman basketball team, coached by Pat Woolsey and consisting of Brent Osborn, Alan Cermak, Grant Martin, Brandon Plunkett, Grant Harrell, Burton Verner, Dave Morgan, Adam Michael, Jonathan Born, Jim Alley, Whit Polley, and Joel Tomlin, completed a successful '92-'93 season February 1st in the district tournament at Overton. The team played hard and pulled a couple of dazzling upsets along the way, most notably against the regular season district champ, Whites Creek.

The Big Red rolled to a 2-0 start by beating Hillsboro (61-41) and Hillwood (51-47). Alan Cermak was the leading scorer for the Big Red in both games, averaging 18 points a game. The Freshmen then fell to Hillsboro, in a heartbreaker (51-48) to drop to 2-1. Despite a strong performance by Brent Osborn, who finished with 12 points, the Big Red could not hold off the Burros.

After Hillsboro, the team went on a long losing streak, with losses to Hillwood, Whites Creek, and Pearl-Cohn twice. The season seemed to be in jeopardy for the Big Red, with the district leader Whites Creek facing them in their next game.

The Freshmen were well-prepared for Whites Creek, and seemed primed for an upset. The team pulled off a stunning 30-27 victory in overtime. Brent Osborn led a balanced scoring attack with nine points, with point guard Grant Martin finishing with eight points and running the offense extremely well. Next for the Big Red came arch-rival Father Ryan. The Big Red lost the game to the eventual district tournament champions, 38-36. Grant Martin played well again, leading the way with twelve points, and going 6-6 from the free-throw line. The Freshmen may have lost, but they needed to rebound in a hurry, with key

district games looming ahead.

The Freshmen did just this. They beat Overton twice and destroyed Hume-Fogg, 59-34. Burton Verner played well in the second half, going 2-3 from 3-point range, and finishing with seven points. This pulled the team's record to 6-6, and they had completely turned around their season.

Up next was Father Ryan, and the Freshmen vowed to avenge their earlier loss. Short on players, the Big Red could not muster a win, losing 32-22. The district tournament was next, and the Big Red lost its final game of the season, 40-28. Jim Alley played hard, and was named to the All-District team.

It was a good year for the Freshman team, and they can look forward to playing J.V. next year. With wins over teams such as Whites Creek and Hillsboro, the Big Red proved they were a force in Freshman Basketball.

Microbe Basketball Report

by Clay Hamblen, Reporter

The microbe basketball team is finishing up a successful season. The Little Red, coached by Wade Tomlinson and Mike Morrissey, finished in a three way tie for first place in the H.V.A.C. The team finished its regular season with a 7-1 league mark and an overall record of 11-6.

The season was highlighted by wins over Brentwood Academy and David Lipscomb, in which Stephen Marler and Todd Moran paved the way for the Little Red. Down the stretch,

Max Fuller, Matt Belcher, Jarrett Carden, Brew Davis, Clay Hamblen, and Josh Mixon all had significant playing time.

Other team members include Carter Paine, Chad Grief, Douglas Morgan, Bailey Robinson, Chase Martin, Russel Jaber, Aaron Lara, Bill McKnight, Justin Tatum, and manager Andrew Ward.

In the tournament, the team drew Ensworth first round. The team, playing without the sick Stephen Marler, came out with a win.

Todd Moran and Jarrett Carden led the team in scoring. In the semi-finals, the team went up against a tall and talented Brentwood Middle School. The lead changed hands several times but in the end, B.M.S. prevailed with a one point win in O.T. The game was highlighted by a last second jumper by Max Fuller to put the game into overtime. Once again, Todd Moran had a big night to lead the Little Red. The microbes conclude their season on Saturday in the third place game of the H.V.A.C. tournament.

Basketball...

bounds to lead M.B.A. to victory and secure a birth in the region tournament.

Next, the Big Red battled Hillsboro in its final regular season game. This game also marked senior R.A. Dickey's last home game. After going up 10-0 early, M.B.A. began to play sloppily and carelessly to let Hillsboro back in the game.

Dickey, however, rose to the occasion with 19 points to keep the game close. Free throw shooting again made the difference as the Big Red hit 25 of 33 from the line. M.B.A. finally edged the Burros 68-64 with Coles' 19 points adding to the cause. M.B.A. finishes the regular season 19-7 overall and 9-3 in the district. The team will

play in the district tournament from February 22-26 and the region tournament from March 1-5. The crowd support has been excellent throughout the year. Let's continue this tradition for the remainder of the season. Roll Red!

GO BIG RED!

SPORTS

BIG RED BASKETBALL EYES REGION TITLE

by Andy Barrett, Staff Writer

After losing three consecutive district games (Whites Creek, Father Ryan, and Overton) in January, the M.B.A. varsity basketball team seems ready to contend for the district title. Since its last loss on January 15 against Overton, the team has rallied to pull off six straight victories, three of which avenged losses to previous district foes.

On February 2, the Big Red travelled to Pearl-Cohn for an important district contest. Despite M.B.A.'s blowout of the Firebirds in their first meeting, the team was expecting a tough road game. M.B.A., however, quickly ended all hope of a Pearl-Cohn win by jumping out to a fifteen point first quarter lead. The sparse crowd (eight students) witnessed R.A. Dickey's 21 points and

Will Coles' monster slam dunk late in the fourth quarter.

Next, the Big Red

faced Whites Creek in an all-important district showdown. The winner of this game would take over sole possession of second place behind Overton in the District 11-AAA standings. This game was a fast-paced throughout with Whites Creek's intense full court press countered by maniacal half court defense. After a hard fought first half, the score remained deadlocked at 28 at intermission.

The lead went back and forth in the second half

before Whites Creek went on a run late in the third quarter which spread the margin to

six points. With 11 seconds remaining, with a final chance to tie the game. After

a play designed to get a three-pointer failed, the Big Red had one second left with the ball out of bounds behind half court. Rob Welhoelter threw a bullet pass to Andy Barrett who nailed a three point shot as the buzzer sounded to send the game into overtime.

M.B.A. played with confidence in the extra period as Will Coles converted an important three point play and Ben Corbett knocked down four free throws in a row to seal the victory. When the buzzer sounded, the Big Red

had defeated the Cobras 66-61 in front of a wild student body.

After the Whites Creek game, the Big Red travelled to Hillwood to defend its second place standing in the district. Despite M.B.A.'s earlier season whipping of Hillwood (65-33), the opponent was a much improved team with the acquisition of freshman phenom Charles Hathaway. Although M.B.A. shot poorly in the first half, the team held on to a seven point lead at halftime. Hillwood fought back in the second half, tying the game early in the fourth quarter. M.B.A. was able to hang on to the victory (55-54) thanks to good foul shooting late in the game. Will Coles poured in 26 points and snared 15 re-

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picture by John Crosslin

R.A. Dickey (10) spots up for 3

nine points. M.B.A. remained poised, however, and closed the gap to three points (57-54) with the help of excellent outside shooting by Ben Corbett and R.A. Dickey and strong post play by Will Coles.

M.B.A. had posses-

Swimming Team Wins Region Title

by Bo Sundius, Staff Writer

Two weeks ago, the M.B.A. swim team successfully defended its Tennessee Mid-State Regional Championship title by defeating Brentwood High School in a score of 292-237.5. The meet began poorly for the Big Red, after taking a 5th place in the 200 Medley Relay and having Jeremy Kane touched out of 1st place in the 200 freestyle. The 200 individual medley and 50 freestyle followed suit with Andrew Publow placing 5th and Ben Corbett swimming a life-time best and a 16th place in the IM and Thomas Lee being unfairly disqualified because of a false start.

At the half way mark, M.B.A. was in a very distressing 3rd place in the Region. Sam Kuykendall, however, fired up M.B.A.'s engine by placing 4th in the 100 Butterfly as Bo Sundius followed it up with a 1st place victory in the 100 freestyle. Jeremy Kane followed suit by winning the 500 freestyle with Sam Kuykendall taking 3rd place in the same event. Closing in on the 1st place Brentwood Bruins, the Big Red 200 freestyle relay of Thomas Lee, Joey Martinez,

Andrew Publow, and Bo Sundius swam to victory as well with a new meet record. Andrew Publow took a 7th place in the 100 Backstroke, one of the most competitive races in the region.

In the 100 Breaststroke, Bo Sundius placed 1st and Alan Sundell placed 5th creating the points needed to surpass a fatiguing Brentwood team. To clinch the Regional title, the 400 freestyle relay of Andrew Publow, Thomas Lee, Jeremy Kane, and Bo Sundius crushed the 2nd place Brentwood relay and set a new meet record. Out of 25 teams, the final results of the meet were MBA 292-Brentwood 237.5- Oakland 228.5.

The MBA swim team has held a nearly perfect record this past year by beating Brentwood, Father Ryan, Gallatin, U.S.N., Hendersonville, and LaVergne with only one loss to Oakland which was because of the fact that none of M.B.A.'s year round swimmers could race in the swim meet. The Big Red swim team looks forward to the State Championships on Saturday, February 27 at the Centennial Sportsplex.

Wrestling Team Finishes Third in Region

by Barrett Rose, Reporter

cut to his chin and a cracked tooth. In the finals, however, Glenn lost a tight match to Lewis Woodard of Hillsboro to finish second in his weight class.

In the heavyweight division, Barrett Rose also made the finals, winning one of the most exciting matches of the tournament in the semifinals, defeating Jerry Wilson 10-9. Barrett also finished second, losing in the finals to Overton's David Kennedy.

At 125, 130, and 140, John Roe, Andrew Douglas, and Chenault Sanders all lost in the semifinals but rallied to win in the consolations, to secure berths in the state. John and Andrew each finished third, while Chenault took fourth.

Also in the tournament, Aki Hashimura (103), Doug Zapf (145), Bill Maggart (152), Joey Delemos (160), and George Frazier (171) wrestled well and scored points to help the team take third place in the Region, losing to champion Overton, and runner-up Ryan, but edging fourth-place Hillsboro by a mere 3 1/2 points. The team looks forward to the State tournament, and a strong season next year with only one senior graduating.

Editor's Note: At press time, Glenn Gaston had reached the semifinals of the state tournament before losing, while Will McKeand made it to the quarterfinals, and John Roe made it to the second round.

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